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acceptable to ARRT proponents. Tom Kelleher, the ARRT representative on the CRC, said the WXYZ area is very generous and acceptable to him. Mr. Gowing noted that there had been a vigorous pushback about parking on the land.

Mr. Sonner clarified that the CR still would be open to tweaking after the Board's formal approval, but that once it was final, changing it would be very difficult.

The Board discussed the recommendation to have the Town look into forming an Agricultural Commission. There was a suggestion that the Open Space Committee might address the issue.

Brad Mitchell, Mass Farm Bureau Federation provided information about organic farming, integrated pest management, genetically engineered organisms and the Agricultural Commission suggestion.

Mr. Gowing said the CRC did a good job, with good discussions and input from all stakeholders, and also gave credit to Paul Simeone, who currently is farming the parcel.

Gerry Palano, the agricultural representative on the CRC, said he wanted to raise some points that the CRC's final recommendations did not take into account. He read his prepared statement. He asked the Board to address his comments and to incorporate them into the CR.

Mr. Clough – Moved to submit the draft CR to Town Counsel for review, finalization of the language and submission to the State before the end of the year. Ms. Harting-Barrat - second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Susan Crane of SVT asked that the Board share the draft with SVT counsel.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

MINUTEMAN REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Ledoux said that member communities have been considering different formulas to assign capital costs. At a breakfast meeting two weeks ago, 12 of 16 members were represented and endorsed Model E, which would require contributions based on Minuteman enrollment and Chapter 70 funds, plus 1% from each member, and would save the Town \$9,100; Model B, in contrast, would cost the Town an additional \$27,000. No matter what the formula, there will be issues. Mr. Ledoux noted that any proposal for capital cost allocation will require the unanimous support of the 16 towns. Model E has the biggest support among the 12 managers he has met with.

Mr. Gowing asked what would happen if K-6 were regionalized and the Town no longer had local schools. Mr. Ledoux said that the Town still would be obligated to provide education and still would get the Minuteman assessment.